

## Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Aug. 16, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### KUSAHC changes prescription policy

Effective Sept. 1, the pharmacy at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will no longer accept faxed prescriptions from civilian providers. Patients will need to present an original prescription to the pharmacy.

### KUSAHC closes early Friday

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will close at 11 a.m., Aug. 11, for Organization Day. All services will close for the day after 11 a.m.

The staff apologizes in advance for any inconvenience this causes to the beneficiaries.

### FEW scholarship nominations close Saturday

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women presents an annual \$300 scholarship called the 2006 Dottie Dorman Working Woman's Scholarship to a deserving woman to pay for or offset college expenses incurred in pursuit of her continuing education.

#### To qualify nominee must:

- Be a female employee in any federal job in Baltimore, Cecil or Harford County.
- Currently be pursuing college-level education studies.
- Prepare a short essay (not to exceed one type-written page) summarizing educational plans and explaining how this scholarship will be used.
- Provide the name; home and work addresses; home and work telephone numbers; e-mail addresses; name and telephone number of current supervisor (to confirm federal employment); and name of nominee's educational institution.

Submit application to the Maryland Tri-County FEW Scholarship, c/o Suzanne Schultz, 952 Chesapeake Drive, Havre de Grace, MD 21078 no later than Aug. 12.

The winner will be announced during the APG Women's Equality Day observance and awards ceremony 10 to 11:30 a.m., Aug. 23, at the Edgewood Conference Center,

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# OMMS leadership changes hands during ceremony

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Before an audience of Aberdeen Proving Ground service members and civilians as well as local and state politicians, the leadership of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School and the 61st Ordnance Brigade changed hands during a ceremony at Ordnance Circle Aug. 4.

Col. Bobby A. Towery assumed the dual command from Col. Francis R. Merritt who moves on to become the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' chief of staff.

Maj. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, OC&S commander and Chief of Ordnance presided over the ceremony assisted by OMMS Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony J. Slater.

Because of the dual command responsibilities, both the school and brigade colors were passed during the guidon ceremony.

Boles welcomed guests who included Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and



Col. Bobby A. Towery, left, accepts the guidon of the 61st Ordnance Brigade from Maj. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, chief of Ordnance and commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, during the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School change of command ceremony at Ordnance Circle Aug. 4. Looking on is OMMS Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony J. Slater; center, and outgoing commander, Col. Francis R. Merritt, right.

Engineering Command, and Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

Boles said that "command

is the holy order of our profession," and called the changing of a command, "bittersweet."

He said that under Merritt's leadership, "more than 23,000

Photo by RALPH BROTH, DOIM

Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and civilians were sent here to train and learn."

"For all of us today, it allows us to reflect on what

this command brings to the Army," he said, noting that all the Army's tank, automotive and generator repairmen, mechanics, welders and every other ordnance-related specialty "starts right here in the 61st Ordnance Brigade."

"Here is where they train to use those national treasures entrusted to us," Boles said. "His name is Merritt and he's a Soldier," he added. "Please join me in thanking him."

Boles called Towery a "battle-tested leader who is the right person to take this [command] to the next level."

"We grow our own leaders and we are happy to welcome him and his family," he said. "You can't help but be successful," he told Towery, "because your drill sergeants and instructors are the best I've ever seen."

Merritt thanked all for coming and said the past two years have been "a heck of a ride."

"In that two-year period we changed how we train Soldiers," he said. "And we were successful because I was standing on the shoulders of heroes."

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# Army establishes Installation Management Command

Army News Service

The Army is establishing the Installation Management Command to improve its ability to provide critical support programs to Soldiers and their families while ensuring its installations are "flagships of readiness."

The command, IMCOM, will come online in early fiscal 2007, and will transform the Army's current installation management structure into an integrated command structure.

The initiative is part of the Army's efforts to reorganize its commands and specified headquarters to obtain the most effective, efficient command and control structure for supporting the modular force, under which there are three types of headquarters: Army Commands, Army Service Component

Commands and Direct Reporting Units.

The current installation management structure is part of the Army Chief of Staff, Installation Management, and includes as separate entities ACSIM directorates, the Army Environmental Center, the Installation Management Agency, and the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

The new IMCOM will consolidate four U.S.-based IMA regions into two, and CFSC and AEC will remain separate entities as subordinate commands under the IMCOM.

"This new command is the next logical step in the evolution of IMA," said Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson, the ACSIM. "Retaining CFSC and AEC as distinct commands capitalizes on the brand-name trust and confidence these two

organizations enjoy throughout the Army."

The new organization will be commanded by a lieutenant general who will also retain the position of assistant chief of staff for installation management on the Army staff. The general officer will be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

Other leadership changes include the former IMA director position, a major general, who will become IMCOM's deputy commander. The deputy ACSIM will remain a Senior Executive Service civilian.

As part of the recently concluded Base Realignment and Closure process, IMCOM, most of which is currently based in Virginia and Maryland, will relocate to and co-

locate at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, with its deputy commander. The ACSIM and his staff will remain at the Pentagon.

"This major organizational change will create a far more effective, efficient and agile organization to ensure that the world's best Army is supported on the world's best installations," Wilson said. "We are committed to ensuring that the critical programs and services on which our Soldiers and their families rely will continue seamlessly throughout this transition period."

Wilson also said that while the new organization will most likely be smaller than the current structure, it will be an organization that is "committed to managing personnel changes through attrition in order to minimize turbulence."



Photos by RICK GARRETT, JPED

These two photographs of the employee break area inside the Joint Personal Effects Depot depict the level of improvements to the overall facility as a result of the recently completed renovation project.

## JPED ceremony awards renovators

Story by  
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As thanks for supporting the renovation of the World War II-era buildings housing the Joint Personal Effects Depot, the commander of the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Maj. Gen. Rhett A. Hernandez, came to Aberdeen Proving Ground to extend his personal appreciation to all involved during a ceremony at Top of the Bay Aug. 3.

The JPED was activated in September 2001 in response to the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. Originally located at Fort Myer, Va., the depot processed the personal effects of service members and civilians wounded or killed in the attack.

In March 2003 the JPED relocated to APG where the mission expanded to support operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

"Thank you for joining us today as we recognize the individuals who had a critical role in the recent renovations of the JPED," said depot commander Lt. Col. Louis S. Kilmon before introducing Hernandez.

He said that improvements to the JPED facility included added security features, and electrical, heating, air

conditioning, and network system upgrades as well as repainting, new carpeting and furniture and break area and rest room improvements.

"The renovations to this facility have made a monumental improvement in not only the operations of the JPED but also the morale of the service members and civilians assigned with this most difficult of missions," Kilmon said.

Hernandez thanked all involved in the renovation process, from those who acquired the funding to those who did the actual work.

"Today is special because of the unbelievable community support," Hernandez said. "This new facility will be more effective and efficient in carrying on the sensitive work of our Soldiers' belongings. On behalf of the Army Human Resources command, thank you for a job well done."

He presented USAHRC coins of excellence to the military leaders and letters of appreciation to the civilians who supported the project.

Recipients included Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command; Maj. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, commander of the

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# The APG News wants to hear from readers

**DEBI HORNE**  
APG News

APG News is the installation commander's tool for delivering information to the Aberdeen Proving Ground community. The newspaper's job is to inform, educate and entertain. It brings readers news and feature stories about APG, its people, community and around the Army. It also provides information on training, a sporting events and leisure activities.

The APG News office is located on the parking lot side of the APG Post Office, building 2201, and is open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, and the garrison compressed work schedule is followed. The editor's telephone number is 410-278-1150.

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#### Staff

The staff includes editor Debi Horne, and two full-time contract photojournalists from Homestead Publishing, Yvonne Johnson and Heather Tassmer and a graphic designer/ webmaster, Nick Pentz.

When working with an APG News reporter on an article, cooperation and timely response to their calls for information will help eliminate errors and delays in publishing.

#### Deadlines

The deadline for submitting articles to APG News is Thursday at noon for publication in the following

Thursday's edition.

By deadline, the editor should have the final story to include the name of the writer and organization, accompanying photographs, photograph attribution (full name of photographer), and cutlines (or captions) (what is happening in the photograph in present tense), to include full name of everyone pictured in the photograph and permission from the parents for pictures of children.

When an event occurs over the weekend, it is unlikely to appear in the following Thursday's edition.

Space is limited and not everything submitted will be published.

#### Getting involved

Every unit, organization, tenant and individual can contribute to APG News. Call the editor as soon as possible about an upcoming event or something newsworthy that should be considered for publication. If a reporter is available, one will be assigned.

The unit or organization is responsible for arranging for photographic support. APG News reporters can take pictures to accompany their story, but not for organizational use.

Keep in mind that Department of the Army policy recommends against grip-and-grin photographs (someone receiving an award) and when a person or group stares into the camera).

Professional Garrison photographers are available DOIM's by calling Visual Information Division, 410-278-3391 or through the APG Home Page Customer Service Desk icon.

Anyone can submit information for publication on the Community Notes page, which covers specific dated material generally reserved for Harford County community happenings, or the Shorts section, which is general information applying to on-post activities.

Stories by 'stringers' (written by someone not on staff at APG News) and photographs are welcome with

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Photos by LISA MARVEL, PARENT CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION  
*Child Development Center child/youth assistant Julia Courts nervously allows Wildlife Adventures staff member Ryan Tautman to place a python around her neck during a wildlife show at the CDC July 26.*

Story by  
**HEATHER TASSMER**  
APG News

Children from the APG Child Development Center learned about many different creatures during a Wildlife Adventures show July 26.

Ryan Tautman, a Wildlife Adventures staff member, conducted two separate shows for the CDC children. One was for infants and toddlers and the other was for preschoolers.

"The second show was more interactive," said Parent Child Care Association public coordinator Lisa Marvel. "Kids could ask and answer questions about the animals."

He showed the children a turtle, chinchilla, parrot, legless lizard, bearded dragon, tarantula and a corn snake. He also gave them an opportunity to pet the animals.

Tautman taught the children basic facts about the animals such as their sizes, diets and habitats.

"It's important to learn about an animal before you buy it," he said. "A lot of people buy pythons which grow up to be 200 to 300 pounds. People don't realize how big they're going to get."

Leslie Carpenter, a CDC room lead, watched the show along with the 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds in her care.

"It's a lot of fun," Carpenter said. "Ryan would describe the animal he was going to bring out next and the children had to guess which one it was."

"They enjoy it every time Wildlife Adventures comes. It's good for this age group because it is hands on. Usually when the children see the animals they are toys in the classroom or pictures in books," she said.

Marvel discussed how the children reacted to the different kinds of animals.

"The younger kids aren't that afraid of the snakes," she said. "Babies will reach out and touch the snake but when they get older they don't want to."

She said all of the children liked to touch the chinchilla because of its soft fur.

Wildlife Adventures is just one of the activities PCCA sponsors for the CDC.

"Almost every month we try to do something special for the kids," Marvel said.

Marvel said in the past, the organization had sponsored a music performance, "Making Music" at Christmas time, puppet shows and a fun-fest

where they handed out sand buckets to children.

Wildlife Adventures has been providing shows to CDC children for about 3 years, Marvel said.

The wildlife shows have been educating children since 1999 when Ryan's father, Bill, established the outreach program.

Before establishing Wildlife Adventures, Bill worked for Scales and Tales, an outreach program for the State Forest and Park Service which he began in 1985, according to the Wildlife Adventures Web site.

Ryan has been working for the wildlife program since he was 7 years old.

PCCA conducts fundraisers to aid each month's activities.

For more information about Wildlife Adventures, visit <http://www.wildlife-adventures.com>.



*Wildlife Adventures staff member Ryan Tautman, right, helps three-year-old Andrew Szekeczed, left, get friendly with a python.*

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# Aberdeen YS, CDC visit Harford County Farm Fair

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Pigs, cows and goats were just a few of the sites to see at the 19th annual Harford County Farm Fair July 27 at the Equestrian Center in Bel Air where children and youths from Aberdeen Youth Services and Child Development Center watched farm animals they wouldn't see on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Aberdeen Youth Services, a division of Child and Youth Services, takes a field trip to the farm fair every year.

Although Aberdeen Youth Services offers a 4-H club, Heroes with Heart, that was not the reason the children went to the fair according to Aberdeen Youth Center facility director Norma Warwick.

"We went because we thought it would be a fun, educational day for the kids," Warwick said.

Aberdeen Youth Center assistant facility director Karen Johnson said "The purpose was to get kids to reach out into their community instead of just activities on post. They need to know what's on the outside of the post and what the world is like."

Carolyn Wright, a program assistant with the CDC, said that the Aberdeen Youth Center staff invited the CDC to go along.

The fair offered many games and activities for the children such as moon bounces, a ring toss and a rock climbing wall.

Jared Lewis, 11, played on an inflatable bungee run where he had to pick up bean bags as he was being catapulted while wearing a harness.

"[The inflatable bungee run] was fun," Lewis said. "It was fun when you were slingshot."

Victoria Jennings, 12, was one of a few people who reached the top of the rock climb.

"It hurt my



Photo by NORMA WARWICK, ABERDEEN YOUTH SERVICES  
*Lana Jennings, 14, climbs a rock wall provided by the U.S. Army at the Harford County Farm Fair.*

hands when I was holding on but it was fun," Jennings said. "I wanted to try it because everybody last year couldn't make it."

In addition, the children and youths had a chance to watch Suewee Racing Pigs throughout the day.

Suewee Racing Pigs is a business owned and run by

ers had to clean up after the pigs if they made a mess.

Caitlyn Wamack, 11, participated in the event as a cheerleader. She said the pig races were her favorite part of the farm fair.

"They're funny to watch," Wamack said.

The Feimsters conducted several races during each ses-



Photo by NORMA WARWICK, ABERDEEN YOUTH SERVICES  
*Victoria Jennings, 12, anticipates her next move while climbing on the rock wall.*

David, Gail and Suzanne Feimster of Jackson, N.J. All of the animals that race come from the Feimster's farm. The event was sponsored by Harford Mutual Insurance Company.

Suzanne told the audience all about pigs before the race.

"If you think pot belly pigs make good pets, then think again," she said. "They can grow up to be 120 to 150 pounds," Suzanne said.

The pigs that the Feimster's raced at the fair were 12 to 15 weeks old and weighed 20 to 30 pounds.

She also said contrary to popular belief, pigs are very intelligent. They are even more intelligent than dogs.

A f t e r Suzanne provided information about pigs, she brought some volunteers from the audience into the racing zone to help out.

Some of the children were from Aberdeen Youth Center. Some of the volunteers were cheerleaders for specific pigs and oth-

sion. The first few races were pigs. Then they raced goats and ducks but still called them pigs.

"We call them 'ugly pigs' and 'pigs from Bora Bora' just to mess with the kids," Suzanne said. "Sometimes you can make them believe they're really pigs."

The Feimsters have been conducting pig races for about 12 years, Gail said.

They started the pig racing business for a summer job because David and Suzanne are teachers in New Jersey.

Suzanne said that what she likes most about the job is "seeing and hanging around kids."

"I like getting adults and children involved [in the races]," she said.

This was the fifth or sixth year Suewee Racing Pigs has made an appearance at the farm fair.

Diego Robinson, 6, was one of the many children who saw the pig races.

"I was rooting for the pig in the pink [bandanna]," Robinson said.

Zaya Davis, 11, said she enjoyed seeing all kinds of animals at the fair.

"It's hard to choose a favorite," Davis said. "Farm animals are really calm and you can have fun with them."

Other fair activities included face painting, pony rides, sand art and caricatures.

For more information about the fair, visit <http://www.farmfair.org>.



Photo by HEATHER TASSMER  
*Nine-year-old Steven Gray pets a Tennessee Fainting Goat at the 19th annual Harford County Farm Fair in Bel Air July 27.*



# SOLE meeting features Maryland veteran

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground chapter of the International Society of Logistics monthly meeting featured a Maryland Navy veteran at the Warrant Officer Hut in building 2041 July 18.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Paul M. Thurston, 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion, hosted the meeting that featured comments from guest speaker retired Navy Lt. Edward T. Kreiner Sr., president and chairman of the Maryland Retired Veterans Task Force, state legislative chair of the Disabled American Veterans and former chair of the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs.

Attendees included logisticians from around the installation.

Thurston introduced Kreiner as “a great American and great logistician.”

“We hit it off right away, and when he started telling me about his background I just knew I had to have him come here and be a part of this organization,” Thurston said.

He said that Kreiner was a World War II, Vietnam and Korean War veteran with an impressive military background that included service on the Naval Atlantic Fleet, in the Bureau of Naval Personnel and as the administrative officer to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

After retiring, Kreiner stayed busy, Thurston said, running his own business, Logistics Engineering Management, Inc., working in various management and consulting capacities and serving as a business and economic development lecturer for the Maryland Highway Department and at colleges and universities around the state.

He was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to form a Vietnam veteran’s leadership program and three different Maryland governors appointed him to positions working on veteran issues with the general assembly.

In addition, Kreiner is a past senior vice president of the Susquehanna Chapter, Military Officers Association of America.

“He was one of the first members of SOLE and he really has SOLE in his heart,” Thurston said.

Kreiner said he was surprised to learn that there was a local SOLE chapter, noting that the Baltimore chapter was once one of the largest chapters in the nation.

After sharing stories about his naval career and about the challenges involved in “getting SOLE off the ground” in Baltimore, he said that he “really got into logistics,” before he left the Navy.

He recommended that members seek growth through partnerships with local governments, schools and other organizations by offering to work on their logistical problems or assisting with school programs.

“What’s most important for you to do is to focus on growing this organization,” Kreiner said. “Those in logistics at any level should look at this organization as an organization for them; at what it is and what it can be.

You have a lot in common with industry because industry taught the military about logistics. You have to learn from one another.

“In this room we have civilians, military and veterans, all with tremendous experience and education, and with so many stories that can be told,” he added. “I don’t know where you are [as a group], but

I know how to structure and I know how to work with people and I can tell you that interchange is healthy. Work together and you can accomplish things together.”

“He’s a motivator and a prime example of what we strive to be as logisticians,” Thurston said. “We really do have a lot of work to do as a chapter and I hope everyone will think about that.”

The Aberdeen chapter of SOLE is open to anyone, military or civilian, serving in the logistics arena, be it maintenance, supply, or in other areas. The chapter meets monthly and times and locations vary.

“All are welcome,” Thurston said, adding that the chapter, which was formed a year ago, now boasts 25 members.

“We typically invite guests to speak on a broad range of logistical topics,” Thurston said. “Our goal is the same as SOLE, to educate logisticians.”

For more information about SOLE and how to become a member, of the Aberdeen chapter, contact Thurston at 410-278-5302 or visit the SOLE Web site, [www.sole.org](http://www.sole.org), and click on ‘membership information.’

## About SOLE

SOLE, is a non-profit international professional society composed of individuals organized to enhance the art and science of logistics technology, education and management. The society is in no way sponsored by any group, company or other association.

SOLE was founded in 1966 as the Society of Logistics Engineers "to engage in educational, scientific, and literary endeavors to advance the art of logistics technology and management."

SOLE has a presence in more than 50 countries throughout the world.

# Towery

*From front page*

He thanked staff members of OMMS and the 61st Ordnance Brigade and its “fine Soldiers.”

“They are the ones that make a difference in our Army,” Merritt said.

“She’s your brigade now,” he told Towery. “And she’s a special brigade and I know I leave her in good hands.”

Towery, who said he wanted to keep his remarks short, thanked Merritt and Boles “for the privilege of leading these great Soldiers, Marines and Airmen.”

“You will always be the center of my focus here,” he told the assembled troops.

The troop formations on the field included Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade led by Capt. Ilya Dashevsky and Sgt. 1st Class Gregory L. Johnson; the 16th Ordnance Battalion led by Lt. Col. Karen Z. Jordan and Command Sgt. Maj. William L. Hart Jr.; the 143rd Ordnance Battalion led by Lt. Col. Linwood Clark and Command Sgt. Maj. Luis A. Rivera; the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment led by Maj. Matthew E. Sutton and 1st Sgt.

Felix W. Acosta; the U.S. Air Force Detachment led by Maj. Steven Pratt and Master Sgt. Donald G. Mason and the Noncommissioned Officers Academy led by Command Sgt. Maj. Eric H. Williams and 1st Sgt. David J. West.

In addition, the OMMS Salute Battery, led by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kimberly L. Bonville presented a 13-gun salute and the 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own), led by Chief Warrant Officer 5 Robert L. Larsen, provided music.

## Col. Bobby A. Towery Commander, USAOMMS and the 61st Ordnance Brigade

Commissioned as an armor officer in 1983, Towery served

at Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Riley, Kan., and Fort Polk, La., before transferring to the Ordnance Corp at the rank of major.

His past assignments include Korea, Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Stewart, Ga., Fort Belvoir, Va., and Kuwait and Iraq in support of operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. In addition he served as executive officer and assistant chief of staff G4 of the 82nd Airborne Division and as the aide-de-camp to the commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

Towery’s military education includes Command and General Staff College, the Army War College, the Army Officer Advanced Course and

Airborne School.

He holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Mississippi.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, 5 OLC; Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Army Commendation Medal, 3 OLC; the Army Achievement Medal, 2 OLC; the Combat Action Badge; and the Canadian Foreign Jump Wings. He is a Senior Rated Jumpmaster.

Towery is married to the former Lisa Anne Carver. They have two boys, Patrick, 15 and Nathan, 12.



Photos by RALPH BROTH, DOIM

**Sgt. 1st Class Edward W. Matthies**

**William A. Smith**

## Two hailed during July retirement ceremony

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
*APG News*

The Aberdeen Proving Ground community hailed two employees with 52 years combined federal service during the monthly Retirement Ceremony at Top of the Bay July 26.

Sgt. 1st Class Edward W. Matthies, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School; and William A. Smith, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, were the honorees.

Col. Frank R. Merritt, OMMS commander hosted the ceremony and presented awards assisted by Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony J. Slater.

Merritt gave a special welcome to the post command sergeants major in attendance as well as to the retirees and their family members and thanked the brass quintet from the 35th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Band, Kansas Army National Guard; which served in place of the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) which was on

blanket leave at the time.

Merritt said that both honorees "had distinguished careers in the service of our nation."

"I consider it a great privilege and honor to be a part of this ceremony," he said.

He summarized Matthies' career, focusing on his accomplishment as chief instructor in the Wheel Division, Wheel, Track and Automotive Department, Directorate of Instruction, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 61st Ordnance Brigade.

"All of us should strive to pass on knowledge to subordinates," Merritt said, "because that is how they become leaders."

He commented on Smith's nearly 40-year career as a research analyst for Army missile systems.

"Thank you," Merritt told Smith, "for your dedication and a job well done."

He credited both with helping shape Army technology and thanked their spouses for their continual support.

"Never underestimate your importance to the proving ground, our Army and our nation," Merritt said. "We wish you all health, happiness

and continued success."

**Sgt. 1st Class Edward W. Matthies**

For the successful completion of 22 years of service, Matthies was awarded the Army Meritorious Service Medal and the Department of the Army certificates of retirement and appreciation. His wife Kathleen received the DA Certificate of Appreciation signed by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker. Matthies thanked his wife and family for their support.

"She put up with a lot but she was always there," he said. He said he would miss the people and shared experiences.

Matthies' career included five overseas tours, one each in Germany and Iraq and three in Korea as well as numerous stateside assignments. His awards include the Army Commendation Medal, 6th award; the Army Achievement Medal, 5 OLC; the Good Conduct Medal, 7th award; the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

He enjoys bowling, fishing, hunting and carpentry and said his plans include becoming a

successful father, continuing his education, joining a regional pro-bowlers tour and starting a new career.

**William A. Smith**

Retiring after nearly 40 years of government service, Smith received the DA Certificate of Retirement signed by Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG, and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. His wife Ellen received the APG Certificate of Appreciation signed by Col. John C. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

Smith came to APG from Red River Army Depot, Texas in 1967. Throughout his career he provided simulation and analysis on Army projects including the TOW/Cobra helicopter, the HELLFIRE missile and the Longbow/Apache helicopter.

He said his retirement plans include relaxing, dabbling in gardening, house hold chores and canoeing.

Smith thanked his co-workers for their support.

"We'll be able to travel more and it'll be nice to have him around," said Mrs. Smith.





## Channel 21 features Pentagon Channel programming

The Pentagon Channel will feature the following programs on Channel 21. These programs are subject to change each week and will be updated accordingly.

- Monday**  
ATS Reloaded, 5:30 a.m.  
American Veteran, 9:30 a.m.  
Army Newswatch, 11 a.m.  
Inside Afghanistan/FJ Iraq, 1 p.m.  
Around the Services, 5:30 p.m.  
Focus on the Force, 10 p.m.
- Tuesday**  
Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
RECON, 11 a.m.  
Focus on the Force, 1 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 3 p.m.  
Freedom Journal Iraq/Inside Afghanistan, 4 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday**  
Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
American Veteran, 1 p.m.  
Inside Afghanistan/Freedom Journal Iraq, 2 p.m.  
RECON, 3:30 p.m.  
Focus on the Force, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday**  
Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.  
Freedom Journal Iraq/Inside Afghanistan, Noon  
Focus on the Force, 1 p.m.  
RECON, 3:30 p.m.  
American Veteran, 5 p.m.

- Friday**  
Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 10:30 a.m.  
RECON, Noon  
American Veteran, 2:30 p.m.  
Freedom Journal Iraq/Inside Afghanistan, 4 p.m.  
Focus on the Force, 6:30 p.m.  
ATS Reloaded, 7 p.m.
- Saturday**  
Around the Services, 5:30 a.m.  
News Reel Anaconda, 7:30 a.m.  
American Veteran, 1:30 p.m.  
Army Healthwatch, 2 p.m.  
ATS Reloaded, 5:30 p.m.  
Battleground, 7 p.m.  
RECON, 8 p.m.
- Sunday**  
ATS Reloaded, 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
Freedom Journal Iraq, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
Today's Military, 1 p.m.  
Around the Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Army Newswatch – Bi-weekly report on the men and women of the Army.  
Around the Services – From the Pentagon Channel NewsCenter, daily half-hour program featuring military news from top defense officials and the military services from around the world.  
RECON – A monthly information television program providing an in-depth look at a variety of topics, highlighting the accomplishments of U.S. military men and women.  
Your Corps – Monthly view of the men and women of the Marine

- Corps.  
Freedom Journal Iraq – A daily news program produced by American Forces Network Iraq. The program focuses on military missions, operations and U.S. military forces in Iraq.  
Navy Marine Corp News – A weekly look at the men and women of today's sea service.  
Opportunity Showcase - A monthly program dealing with a variety of subjects that benefit small business owners, transitioning military members and other subjects of opportunity-produced by the U.S. Air Force.  
The American Veteran - A half-hour video news magazine designed to inform veterans, their families and their communities about the services and benefits they have earned through their service to America and to recognize and honor that service.  
Battleground - Every weekend, this series features historic films from World War II, Korean War, and the Vietnam War. *A Pentagon Channel Original Series.*  
Focus on the Force – A weekly program highlighting missions, operations and people of the U.S. military.  
Inside Afghanistan – Presents the latest from Operation Enduring Freedom, showing the activities of American troops in country.  
ATS Reloaded – ATS-Reloaded revisits the best of the week and keeps viewers updated on information that's important.

# E-file available through October 16

*IRS*

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers who previously filed an extension of time to file tax returns that they can electronically file (e-file) their returns until Oct. 16, 2006.

Last year, nearly 1.8 million taxpayers filed electronically after the April deadline. This year, through July 21, over 71 million tax returns were e-filed (20 million from home computers). In Maryland, 1,230,082 returns were filed electronically.

"E-filing is convenient, safe and secure," said IRS spokesman Jim Dupree, "and taxpayers receive confirmation to keep with their records."

**Those who wish to use e-file can file through:**

- A tax professional — Use the authorized IRS e-file Provider Locator Service or check the Individual e-file Providers page on the IRS Web site ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)) to find tax professionals who offer e-file.
- A home computer — A computer with a modem or Internet access and tax preparation software are all that is necessary. E-filing via home computer can be done 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information on using a personal computer and a list of IRS tested and approved software companies, see [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for the page titled e-file Using a Computer.

• The Free File Alliance — Taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of \$50,000 or less may be eligible to receive free tax return preparation and electronic filing through a partnership agreement between the IRS and the Free File Alliance, LLC. For more information, visit the Free File page on [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

The extension granted extra time for filing the tax return only, not for paying any taxes due. Taxpayers will owe interest on any past due tax and may be subject to a late payment penalty if payment was not made by the original due date of the return. This year, the original due date for most taxpayers was April 17.

The APG Tax Center is closed for the tax season; however, the Client Services Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate continues to provide limited tax services for service members returning from contingency operations. For more information about this service, or about electronically filing a tax return, contact the Client Services Division at 410-278-1593, stop by building 310, or visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on the e-file logo on the front page.

## Government will pay for law school

Applications being accepted until Nov. 1

*OSJA*

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education program, or FLEP. Under this program, up to 15 Army officers may be selected to attend law school at government expense while on active duty.

Selected participants in the FLEP will attend law school at either their state's-supported school or a school that grants military members in-state tuition.

Because of possible funding limitations, participation will be contingent on availability of funds.

Selected officers will attend law school beginning the fall of 2007 and remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1, The Judge Advocate General's

Funded Legal Education Program, to determine their eligibility.

This program is open only to active duty commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain who have at least two but not more than six years of active duty at the time legal training commences.

Further eligibility requirements are governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and are non-waiverable.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the Office of The Judge Advocate General,

ATTN: DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron), 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194, to be received before Nov. 1, 2006. Submission of the application, well in advance of the deadline, is advised.

Interested officers should contact Maj. Richard Hatfield, deputy staff judge advocate, U.S. Army Garrison, or Nora L. Farrell, paralegal specialist, 410-278-1112/ 1107, respectively.

## Awards

**From front page**  
U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools; Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; Maj. Matthew E. Sutton, commander, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment; Command Sgt.

Maj. Eloy Alcivar, RDECOM; Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, USAGAPG; and Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel A. Eubanks, USAOC&S.  
After the ceremony, Hernandez administered the Oath of Enlistment to Staff Sgt. Freddie Acevedo, a JPED mortuary affairs noncommissioned officer on the Top of the Bay patio.

### Correction

In the July 27 issue of *APG News*, Brandon Gunther was misidentified as Perry McCune in the Army Community Service birthday front page photo. *APG News* apologizes for this error.

# Community Notes

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 12  
CRITTER DINNERTIMES**

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat, and learn more about these fascinating creatures. This program begins at 3 p.m.; no registration, free. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, extension 1688.

**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 13  
DISCOVERY WALK**

Join a naturalist on a nature walk to discover what creeps, crawls and flies around Leight Park.

The program begins at 5 p.m.; no registration, free. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

**BACK TO SCHOOL  
PRIZE BINGO**

Prize Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post 8185 will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 1 p.m., Bingo begins 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards for 20 games; special single card packet costs \$5 for children ages 8 and under; extra packs cost \$5. Tickets are available at the door. Admission includes door prizes, refreshments, toys, gifts and more.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Bonnie Perkins, 410-378-2376 or Pat Job, 658-5628.

**MEET A CRITTER**

Check out one of the live critters up close while discovering what makes that animal special. This program begins at 2 p.m.; no registration, free. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, extension 1688.

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 19  
WHITE-TAILED DEER  
SURVEY**

Harford County seems to be experiencing explosive population growth, and not just with humans. Help is needed to determine if the deer population of Leight Park is a healthy size. Join the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center and get the scoop on poop while conducting pellet (deer scat) counts on the trails to determine how many deer call this home. The program is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 16 to adult and is free. Registration is required. For information or directions to the center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

**A BIRD IN THE HAND**

A Bird in the hand is more than a cliché at the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center. Ages 12 to adult are invited to

come and learn the up close and personal way to communicate with some feathered friends from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the center located on 700 Otter Point Road in Abingdon. While the program is free, reservations are required due to limited space.

For more information, directions or reservations call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

**SOMETHING FISHY**

Build a fish kite and learn about these fishy friends. This program is from 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 8 to 12 and is \$4. Registration is required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

**BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Water Witch Fire Company will be held at the VFW Post

8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo begins 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 person for all paper cards and includes food, beverage and baked goods, door prizes and raffles.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Carolyn Spencer, 410-378-3219 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 20  
BREAST CANCER  
FUND RAISER**

A Building Dreams Through Hope Luncheon will be held 1 p.m., at the Bayou, Havre de Grace. The luncheon will help raise money to fight breast cancer. Tickets cost \$75 and include a Longaberger 2006 Horizon of Hope basket, dinner, vendors, games and prizes.

Proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson at 410-378-3338, email missanne1047@cs.com, or Shirley Wagner at 410-939-2045, email sjwagner@comcast.net.

**ALL TIED UP**

Learn some knots and maybe a trick or two. Cub

Scouts may find this useful. This program is from noon to 1 p.m. for ages 6 to 12 and is free. Registration is required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, extension 1688.

*(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil) under Community Notes.)*

## MOVIES

**ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75**

**Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard To verify listing, call 410-272-9008, or visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) and click on “Movie Listing.”**

**PIRATES OF THE  
CARIBBEAN:  
MAN'S CHEST**

Friday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 12, 9 p.m.

Starring: Johnny Depp, Keira Knightley, Orlando Bloom

Legend has it that Davy Jones, captain of the ghostly Flying Dutchman, lives beneath the sea, his still-beating broken heart locked away in a chest. Unfortunately for notorious pirate Capt. Jack Sparrow (Depp), this particular legend is very real. Years ago, Sparrow made a deal with Jones, who is now expecting him to make good on his promise by handing himself over to Jones' servitude. But Sparrow will not give in without a fight, which is especially bad news for Will Turner (Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Knightley), who always seem to get caught up in Sparrow's mishaps. If

Sparrow can't find a way to rid himself of Jones once and for all, it may just spell the end for the three adventurers. (Rated PG-13)

**THE DEVIL WEARS  
PRADA (FREE  
ADMISSION)**

Saturday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m.

Starring: Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Emily Blunt, Stanley Tucci

In the dizzying world of New York fashion, where size zero is the new 2, six is the new 8, and a bad hair day can end a career, Runway Magazine is the Holy Grail, overseen with a finely manicured fist by Miranda Priestly (Streep). Andy Sachs (Hathaway) knows nothing of the fashion industry, has never read the magazine, and doesn't know who Priestley is. Sachs only sees this as a stepping stone to another journalism position, but Priestly nonetheless hires her as the second assistant. (Rated PG-13)

## Taking advantage of the Maryland sales tax holiday

From Aug. 23 through 27, clothing and footwear sold in Maryland and priced at \$100 or less will be exempt from Maryland's five percent sales and use tax.

Qualifying apparel include belts, coats, jackets, pants, shoes, socks and sweaters. Special clothing or footwear designed primarily for protective use and not for normal wear, such as football pads, do not qualify. In addition, accessory items such as handbags, jewelry, ties, and umbrellas do not qualify and remain taxable.

Each qualifying article of clothing or footwear selling for \$100 or less will be exempt, regardless of how many items are sold at the same time. For example, two \$60 sweaters sold at the same time are both exempt, even though the total purchase price is more than \$100.

Items that cost more than \$100 will be taxable, even if they would otherwise be eligible. The first \$100 of a more expensive item is not tax-free. If the item costs \$110, sales tax is due on the entire \$110.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday, call 410-260-7980 from Central Maryland or 1-800-MD TAXES from elsewhere in Maryland, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday,



Post Shorts

Aberdeen Proving Ground.  
For more information, call Suzanne Schultz, 410-278-9514, or Melissa Smith, 410-642-2411, x5129.

Change of command to reroute traffic

Roads leading to the Ryan Building (building 314) will be temporarily closed Aug. 16 to accommodate a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command.  
Barricades will be placed at three intersections: where Aberdeen Boulevard forks into Colleran Road and Longs Corner Road; where Johnson Street intersects Longs Corner Road; and where Longs Corner Road intersects Plum Point Loop.  
The shutdown will begin at approximately 8:55 a.m., and last no longer than one hour. During this time traffic will be diverted to an alternate route.

Dining facilities serve Customer Appreciation Specialty Meal

The Customer Appreciation Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Aug. 17.  
During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.  
The standard meal rate of \$3.55 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$3.05 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu includes grilled sirloin steak, shrimp scampi, fried shrimp, crab stuffed salmon, honey mustard chicken wings, baked macaroni and cheese, fresh garlic mashed red potatoes, seasoned (wedge) freedom fries, lightly buttered corn, California medley, sautéed mushrooms and onions, brown gravy, tarter and seafood cocktail sauce, hot southern style corn bread, home made style biscuits, assorted salads, assorted desserts, soft serve ice cream with assorted toppings, assorted condiments and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.  
For more information, call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green, 410-306-1393/1398.

APG Newcomer Orientation scheduled

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Newcomer Orientation will be held 1 to 3 p.m., Aug. 16, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326.  
All military, civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited to come and get acquainted with the military and civilian community at APG.  
Representatives of support agencies/organizations will be present to discuss their activities.  
For more information, call Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service, 410-278-9669.

Blue Star Families of Central Maryland welcomes new members

The military families support group, Blue Star Families of Central Maryland, meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 109 located at 1610 Sulphur Spring Road in Halethorpe, Md.  
Anyone who has a loved one serving in the armed forces, or is serving, and would like to meet other military families can attend.  
For more information, visit Web site <http://www.geocities.com/bluestarfamiliesofcentralmd> or e-mail BlueStarFamiliesOfCentralMD@

yahoo.com for additional information.

Joining APG's Speaker's Bureau

Anyone who enjoys discussing their field of expertise or favorite hobby can become a member of APG's Speakers Bureau.  
The APG Speakers Bureau enables military and civilian employees of APG to address on- and off-post organizations and local schools on a topic of their choice.  
It is a voluntary community service offered without charge.  
To become a member of APG's Speakers Bureau, call 410-278-1151.

Registration open for UMUC Fall 2006

Registration has begun for the University of Maryland University College Fall 2006 semester, which begins Sept. 5. Aberdeen Proving Ground classes are available through distance education formats. Students are advised to register early, as some classes fill quickly.  
For more information or to register, visit the APG office of UMUC in building 4305, room 210, or call 410-272-8269 or 410-306-2048.  
Information about UMUC is also available online at [www.umuc.edu](http://www.umuc.edu).

Dining facilities serve Hispanic Specialty Meal

The Hispanic Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Sept. 19.  
During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.55 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$3.05 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu includes chicken and rice, beef and bean chimichangas, quesadillas, enchiladas, beef tacos (soft and

hard shell), Puerto Rican style roast pork (cerdo al horno), Spanish rice, steamed rice, refried beans, Mexican corn, greens with bacon, Mexican style cornbread, assorted breads, assorted pastries, soft serve ice cream with assorted toppings, assorted condiments and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information, call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green, 410-306-1393/1398.

Job openings at ChalleNGe Academy


The following positions are vacant at the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy.  
A full-time contract GED classroom instructor is needed for someone with a bachelor's degree or higher. Experience working with students with a diverse background is preferred.  
Military Youth Worker positions are open for those looking for a challenging job working with youth between the ages of 16 and 18 years old.  
The positins are contractual with a starting hourly salary of \$12.34.  
Resume must show six month's experience working with youth. Full-time and part-time positions are available.  
To apply, call 410-306-1839/1845.

Scouts looking for a few good 'men'

Boy Scout Troop 429 is looking for scouts ages 11 to 17 and leaders. The troop's meetings will begin after Labor Day. Meetings are held Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in building 5443.  
Call Committee Chairman Fred Silva, 410-272-4570, or Scoutmaster Chris Lesniak, 410-392-6363, to get involved.

Catholic priests needed

The U.S. Army is in critical need of devout and spiritually motivated Catholic priests to lead this nation's Soldiers and families in their walk with God. To explore a life of service to God, church and country, visit [www.goarmy.com/chaplain](http://www.goarmy.com/chaplain), e-mail [chaplainrecruiting@usarec.army.mil](mailto:chaplainrecruiting@usarec.army.mil) or call 1-800-223-3735x61899/ 61082.



### Upcoming chapel services

The Aberdeen Proving Ground chapels will celebrate Catholic mass for the Feast of the Assumption on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 11:45 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel (Aberdeen) and 7 p.m. at the South Post Chapel (Edgewood).









# Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## Activities

All services, classes and events are available to DoD cardholders, military, civilian, contractors, retirees, family members and guests. For information on these or any other events, please check out [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### Social Hour moves to Ruggles Club House

Evening socials at Ruggles golf Course will be held the last Friday of each month and is open to all members of the APG community.

For more information, call 410-278-4794.

### Rolling Reader

The Harford County Public Library's outreach vehicle, the Rolling Reader, will join Child Youth Services in providing a free summer recreation program for children not enrolled in the CYS Summer Camp program. CYS will provide arts, crafts and game activities while children wait to go into the Rolling Reader to check out books. Children will be able to check out and return their books at the Rolling Reader or any Harford County Public Library. The Harford County Public Library's Summer Reading Program, "Clue into Reading" includes a free tote bag upon registration. Fun activities encourage children to complete the program and receive a free book.

Library cards will be available on site for parents and children who do not have one.

Parents must bring a valid driver's license, military ID with orders, or a recent utility bill with a local address. Children under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian fill out a library card registration form. Forms are available through the Harford County Public Library Web site, [www.hcplonline.info](http://www.hcplonline.info), under "Library Services" or

on the installation at Outreach Services, in building 2752, office 201.

Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Meetings will be held on Thursdays throughout the summer 11 a.m. to noon at Skipper's Point Park in the Edgewood Area, Aug.17, and in the Aberdeen Area at the New Chesapeake Playground, Aug. 10.

**Army Community Services is located in building 2754, Rodman Road. For information about these or any other services that ACS offers, call 410-278-7474 /2453.**

### Parent Information Exchange (PIE)

This program is for Exceptional Family Members and is 6 to 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. This support group is designed to assist military families who have family members with special needs. Its goals are to improve the members' ability to cope and discuss community resources. Free child care is available; call in advance if needed.

### Play Mornings

ACS offers a weekly play group on Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. for parents and children under 6-years-old to meet other parents while their children socially interact with each other. This is an ongoing program and play groups are held in the APG Chapel, room 5.

**For all SKIES Unlimited programs contact Central Registration for details and registration. An additional \$18 Central Registration Fee will apply if not already enrolled in the Child and Youth Services Program. Call 410-278-7479/7571 for an appointment to register.**

### Volunteers needed

Anyone interested in teaching classes such as kindermusik, history, grammar, reading, and mommy and me tumbling, should call Sarah Behl, 410-278-4589.

For more information call 410-278-4589.

### Drivers' education

Several sessions of drivers' education are being taught on both Aberdeen and Edgewood. Students 15 to 18 years of age must attend and complete 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours in car instructions. Student must have a Learners Permit. Parents, guardians, or mentors must attend the first class with student. Cost is \$267.

At the EA Conference Center (building E-4811) location, classes are 6 to 9:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 21 thru Sept.1.

At the Aberdeen Community Center, 34 N. Philadelphia Blvd, Room 304, 6 to 9:15 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Aug. 14 through 29.

### Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Through practice, students will learn the best form of self-defense, developing leadership and teamwork skills.

Classes will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center, 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 7 thru 12 and 7 to 8 p.m. for ages 13 thru 18, Aug. 15 through Sept. 7 and Sept. 12 through Oct. 5. Cost is \$85.

### Basic automotive maintenance classes

Hands on training on basic vehicle maintenance is scheduled for the third Thursday of each month for men, women, or teenagers 16 and older. For \$5 participants will learn basic automotive maintenance to help keep a motor vehicle operating and recognizing early maintenance problems associated with every day use. The class will include changing and discarding of oil and oil

filters, changing and rotating tires, checking fluid levels and filling and using lifts and equipment available all while observing safety while working on vehicle. Sign up at the Automotive Center, building 2379.

### Martial arts classes

This Chinese style of martial arts will provide discipline, while physically developing and mentally preparing students to learn how to defend themselves. They will learn basic movements and progress to advanced techniques. The system also provides an extensive workable knowledge in the art of self defense for children, women and men of all ages. The instructor has 34 years of experience in the martial arts and is the owner and Master Instructor of the Scarlet Dragon Lung-Fu-Do System. Classes are held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, Aug. 21 through Oct. 18, at the Aberdeen Youth Center. No class on Sept. 4 or Oct. 9. Participants must be 7 to 18 years of age. Cost is \$70. For more information, call instructor Michael Gilbert, 410-272-2712 or 410-306-1120.

### Babysitting classes

Training to become a Red Cross Certified Babysitter will be held 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Aug. 23, Sept. 12, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 28, Jan. 22 at Army Community Services, building 2754. Bring a bag lunch.

Participants must be between the ages of 13 and 15.

**For information on Outdoor Programs, call Charles Heinsohn, 410-278-3868. To sign up for a class, visit MWR Registration, located in building 3326, call 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail [mwr\\_registration@apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration@apg.army.mil) or visit Web site, [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).**

### Wilderness Challenge

Join 80 other military teams in a three-day endurance event in scenic Fayetteville, West Va., Oct. 5 thru 7. Teams are made up of

four active duty personnel and consist of any gender combination, however one team member must be female. Registration and clinics will be held on Thursday; mountain run, whitewater swim and whitewater raft race will be held on Friday and on Saturday, mountain bike, Duckie race, mountain hike, awards and dinner will end the event.

Registration is open. Visit [www.ima.army.mil/northeast/newtempatesite/sites/local/default.asp](http://www.ima.army.mil/northeast/newtempatesite/sites/local/default.asp) for more information. For more information, call 757-788-5280 or DSN 680-5280.

### MWR Summer Fishing Tournament

This is a cash prize tournament Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 13 at Woodpecker Point Picnic Area in the Aberdeen Area. Winners will be determined by the biggest fish (by weight). Contestants must provide their own fishing equipment and bait. Tournament rules and state fishing laws will be enforced. Fishing license is not required. Registration deadline is Aug. 10. Fees are active duty, \$5; civilians, \$10 and families, \$15.

**For information on these or any other division of sports and fitness, call Ralph Cuomo, 410-278-2812.**

**To sign up for a youth sport, contact Central Registration, building 2752, 41-278-7571/7479. All sports participants must have a current sports physical, due at registration and be a member of Youth Services.**

### Coaches needed

Anyone interested in volunteering to coach, or would like more information should call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

### Arts & Crafts

Aberdeen Arts and Crafts is located in building 2407. Edgewood Arts and Crafts is located in building E-4440. For information, call Debbie Brooks-Harris, 410-278-4207 or Holly Shisler, 410-436-2153.

## APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

### Week of Aug. 7

Special #1: Shrimp salad sub (choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles and onions), bag chips, one cookie and regular soda for \$7.75

Special #2 Double bowlerburger with cheese (choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles and onions), French fries, one cookie, regular soda for \$7.50

The snack bar has a variety of items to choose from including hot meals, burgers, subs, sandwiches, baskets and pizza.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Library, located in the Recreation Center, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

**Several series for school age readers, have been published in the last decade. The following is a list of a few of these series titles available at the APG Library:**

#### The Artemis Fowl Series by Eoin Colfer

Artemis, the main character, is a rather ruthless but extremely intelligent young criminal whose main goal is the acquisition of money. The author of the series summed up his books with the line, "Die Hard with fairies."

#### The Young Wizards Series by Diane Duane

Each novel places Nita and Kit against the "Lone Power," an entity bent on the destruction of the entire universe.

#### Children of the Lamp by P.B. Kevin

The series follows 12-year-old twins John and Phillipa Gaunt, who discover themselves to be djinn.

#### The Children of the Red King by Jenny Nimmo

The main character, Charlie Bone, discovers that he is endowed with a magical talent (to converse with people inside photographs) and is sent to the interesting

Bloor's Academy, a boarding school for other endowed students as well as students with artistic, dramatic, or musical talents.

#### A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

In this darkly hilarious book series, the author shares with readers everything he knows about the Baudelaire family. After much careful research on the Baudelaires, a very wealthy bunch who seem to be the unluckiest clan in the world, Snicket is an expert.

#### The Edge Chronicles by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell

This series is set on the Edge, which appears to be either a huge cliff jutting out of the clouds, or an island floating in the sky. The Edge is made up of many different environments, the first of which is the Edgelands, the very northern and southern edges of the cliff.

The library's Web site, [www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html](http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html), provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

## Maryland Renaissance Festival tickets available at MWR

Discount tickets for the Maryland Renaissance Festival cost \$13.50 for adults ages 16 years and older and \$7.50 for children ages 7 to 15 years. Prices at the gate cost \$17 for adults and \$8 for children. The festival is open weekends, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Aug. 26 through Oct. 22. The Maryland Renaissance Festival is located on 1801 Crownsville Road in Annapolis. Handicapped parking is available next to the Main Gate. When entering the parking lot, follow the signs to the designated handicapped parking area.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger, 410-278-3931 or visit <http://www.rennfest.com/>.



## SCHOOL LIAISON

### Homeschool orientation

Learning in One's Natural Style (LIONS) Co-op will hold an orientation, 1 to 3 p.m., Aug. 18, at the Recreation Center, building 3326. Families that homeschool their children have the opportunity to meet and learn about the upcoming class schedule.

For more information, call Chel Shupp, 443-655-0271, or e-mail [ccctshupp@comcast.com](mailto:ccctshupp@comcast.com).

### Roye-Williams holds Open House

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold an "Open House/Back to School Night," 6:30 p.m., Aug. 24.

Roye-Williams is combining its Open House and back to School Night to form a partnership between home and school before the school year begins.

The school store will be open for parents and students to purchase back-to-school supplies, and parents will be able to deposit funds into their child's lunch account.

For more information, call the school, 410-273-5536.



# 16th KO's 143rd



Jonathan Rivera, 16th, right, jabs Joshua Lucero, 143rd, left, during Amateur Boxing at Hoyle Gym July 29.

## to win amateur boxing night tournament



Referee Wayne Smith watches as Javy Gray, Company A 16th, left, advances on Anthony Wiatrek, Company B 16th during the 10th bout which Gray won by a TKO.



Edwin Perez, Company C 143rd, left and Nathan Watson, Company C 16th advance on each other in the first round of bout 11.

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They were intimidating and fearsome and would not be denied. After a lopsided loss to the 143rd Ordnance Battalion in the last Morale, Welfare and Recreation Amateur Boxing Tournament held in March, the 16th Ordnance Battalion came back to deliver a stunning defeat to its cross-post rival, winning 13 of 14 official bouts at Hoyle Gym July 29.

The 15th bout was a heavyweight exhibition between the 143rd's Ryan Johnson, Company A, and Oscar Smith, Company C.

Despite hot and humid conditions inside and outside the building, fans stayed glued to their seats, unwilling to miss any of the action.

Pre-fight events included the singing of the national anthem by Pfc. Jennifer Kim, Company C 143rd, and the posting of colors by the 143rd color guard led by Sgt. 1st Class Chad Guidry.

Command Sgt. Maj. David Crump, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, served as the ring announcer.

The event included medical support from a Fort Meade Kimbrough Army Medical Center doctor, Capt. Jzvi Robbins and Edgewood Fire Department paramedics. Kiley McDevitt and Shannon Marino served as ring girls.

The judges included 1st Sgt. James Bell, Sgts. 1st Class Nathan Shay, Jason Allen, Jeffery Litteral and Raymond McFarland and Staff Sgt. Anthony Manske.

Before the program, several 16th Ordnance Battalion fighters expressed their confidence about the night's outcome.

"We've been working out about six weeks," said Michael Jackson, a 176-pounder from Company B 16th. "I can't say we're not nervous but we're confident," he said.

The only fighter with any experience, about five years in the ring, Company B 16th's Chris Gordon, said he has gained even more confidence from his coaches.

"Every time we fought I learned something from them," he said.

"I know they'll do well," added 16th Ordnance Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. William Hart. "We've got the best coaches and they've done a great job."

Along with the heat, the action was non-stop and

extreme. While all fighters seemed prepared, the 16th fighters seemed more focused on their mission. The team scored five TKOs and forced 143rd coaches to throw in the towel three times.

The 143rd coaches included Johnny Dinanno, Antonio Lewis and James Stevens, assisted by the battalion combative trainer, Duane Edwards.

The 16th coaches included Granville Bracy, Jesus Vela and Anthony Harris.

All expressed pride in their fighters.

"They were excellent," said Vela. "I wish we had more opportunities to do these kinds of things because the troops really enjoy it."

Harris, who served as the teams' "technician, conditioner and counselor" said he also was pleased.

"They looked like contenders," he said.

"From day one we knew this team would do better," Bracy added. "This was a different bunch of kids and they worked themselves hard even when they didn't want to."

Their boxers agreed.

Javy Gray, who won by an impressive TKO in the 10th bout over Anthony Wiatrek, said it was all about the coaching.

"All I thought about was my training and I just executed," he said. "Our coaches were great. I'd love to do it all over again."

"It went real well," added DeAugilo Rodgers of his 3rd bout decision over the 143rd's Jeron Cajal.

"We knew they had a rough time last time but the coaches said that we had what it takes to come out here and overcome and not be losers. More than anything else, that helped us mentally," Rodgers said.

Earlene Allen, MWR event coordinator, thanked Harold Smith, manager of Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, the MWR staff and volunteers, APG Fire and Emergency Services personnel and Kimbrough for supporting the event as well as the fans and military leadership who continue to support the program.

"This is a program that is enjoyed by the Soldiers and all spectators," Allen said. "I especially want to thank the Soldiers, coaches and the 16th and 143rd battalion leaders for their support."

The next Amateur Boxing Tournament is slated for Nov. 4 at the Aberdeen Athletic Center. More information will appear in future editions of the APG News.

### Amateur Boxing Tournament Results

#### 16th

Braeman Williams (Win)  
Jonathan Rivera (Win)  
DeAugilo Rodgers (Win)  
Justin Aldred  
Jabril McGhee (Win)  
Theo Repress (Win)  
Mario Canales (Win)  
Michael Jackson (Win)  
Javy Gray (Win)  
Nathan Watson (Win)  
Chris Gordon (Win)  
Albert Greene (Win)  
Thomary Winslow (Win)  
Quavanti Floyd (Win)

#### 143rd

Daniel Miller  
Joshua Lucero  
Jeron Cajal  
Tarell Murphy (Win)  
Christopher Burten  
Oscar Hernandez  
Christopher Barzee  
Osmin Granados  
Anthony Wiatrek  
Edwin Perez  
Perici Ramirez  
Herbert Mouzone  
Matt Lookabaugh  
Corey Williams

**\*143rd exhibition bout:**  
Oscar Smith (win) Ryan Johnson



The 16th Ordnance Battalion boxing team and coaches pose with battalion Command Sgt. Maj. William Hart, third from right and the championship trophy.